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ADMINISTRATOR ALVAREZ NAMES MICHAEL D. SCHATTMAN AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE SBA

WASHINGTON -- Aida Alvarez, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today announced the appointment of Judge Michael D. Schattman as general counsel for the SBA.

"I am proud to name Mike Schattman to this important position within the agency," Administrator Alvarez said. **"His broad legal experience, familiarity with financial transactions, and distinguished record of community and public service will be an asset to the office."**

As general counsel, Mr. Schattman serves as the principal legal advisor to the Administrator. His responsibilities also include directing the operations of the Office of General Counsel, and providing technical and legal direction to the SBA's legal staff.

Prior to joining the SBA, Mr. Schattman engaged in a civil, trial and appellate practice at the multistate firm, Hill Gilstrap Attorneys and Counselors. His background includes work with Kelly, Hart & Hallman, P.C. in areas such as commercial, banking, securities, and labor law.

From 1983 to 1992, Mr. Schattman served as District Judge for the 348th Judicial District of Texas, a general jurisdiction trial court specializing in civil law suits. He presided over such notable cases as the expansion of the Fort Worth Zoo and claims arising out of mishaps with Texas-manufactured helicopters in Brazil. From 1979 to 1983, he also served as judge for the Tarrant County Court at Law, presiding over civil suits and workers' compensation appeals.

Extensively involved in professional and civic service, Mr. Schattman shares his expertise with the boards of numerous legal, community and educational organizations.

Mr. Schattman holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a juris doctor with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Schattman succeeds John T. Spotila, who was recently nominated by President Clinton to be administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget.

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